



## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 1:00 P.M.  
Ward 6 Office, Conference Room  
3202 E. 1st Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85716

### Summary Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Keith Murfee-DeConcini, Chairperson  
Amanda Kraus  
Rachael Volner, Vice Chairperson  
Limell' Lawson  
Scott Smith  
Peter Hughes  
Celina Ramirez

**Representing:**

Mayor  
Ward 1  
Ward 2  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 6  
Mayor/Council

**Absent:**

Roxanne Torres

**Representing:**

Mayor/Council

**Staff Members Present:**

Rick Guerra  
Shawna Lee

City Clerk's Office  
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#### 2. Introduction of Members & Staff

Introductions were made by all present.

#### 3. Open Meeting Law Presentation – City Clerk's Office Staff

Presentation was given by Shawna Lee who provided information on the Open Meeting Law. Emphasis was given to limiting all forms of communications conducted outside of formal commission meetings. Discussion was held. No formal action taken.

**4. Approval of Minutes from 9/18/2013**

It was moved by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, (Commissioner Kraus unable to vote since loyalty oath was not administered; Commissioner Torres absent) to approve the Summary Minutes from September 18, 2013.

**5. Call to the Audience**

No one spoke.

**6. Election of Chair & Vice Chair**

Discussion was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, (Commissioner Kraus not qualified to vote; Commissioner Torres absent) to elect Commissioner Murfee-DeConcini as Chairperson.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, (Commissioner Kraus not qualified to vote; Commissioner Torres absent) to elect Commissioner Volner as Vice Chairperson.

**7. Recruitment of New Members**

Shawna Lee gave an overview of the membership requirements for the Commission. Discussion was held. No formal action taken.

**8. Subcommittee Reports**

A brief discussion was held regarding the structure and function of the subcommittees. No formal action taken.

a. Housing

Report was given by Commissioner Smith. Discussion was held. No formal action taken.

b. Public Relations & Education

No report was given. Discussion was held. No formal action taken.

- c. Services/Programs/Activities/Architectural Barriers (SPAA)  
Report was given by Commissioner Volner. Discussion was held. No formal action taken.
- d. Transportation  
Report was given by Commissioner Smith. Discussion was held. No formal action taken.
- e. Employment  
Report was given by Chairperson Murfee-DeConcini. Discussion was held. No formal action taken.
- f. Legislation  
Report was given by Chairperson Murfee-DeConcini. Discussion was held. No formal action taken.

The Commission recessed at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 2:18 p.m. Quorum was reestablished with all members present, except Commissioner Torres (absent).

#### **9. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events**

Chairperson Murfee-DeConcini announced his excitement to have the full commission reconvene to serve the disabled in the community.

#### **10. Commission Members' Summary of Current Events**

Commissioner Smith announced he looked forward to working with everyone and working towards the commission gaining credibility.

Commissioner Kraus announced the University of Arizona was sponsoring a Wheelchair Tennis Tournament on March 13, 2015 through March 15, 2015 at the Reffkin Tennis Center. She also announced the University of Arizona was sponsoring / hosting the Quad Rugby Sectionals on March 19, 2015 through March 21, 2015.

Commissioner Hughes announced a Men's Championship Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on February 28, 2015 and March 1, 2015. He also announced a Blind Beep Baseball Game the weekend of March 13, 2015.

Vice Chairperson Volner announced DIRECT Center for Independence will hold an Emergency Preparedness Workshop in February and in April.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

The following items were identified:

- Commission Budget
- Subcommittee assignments
- Membership recruitment
- Future meeting schedule
- Planning for Commission Retreat

**12. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.